

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. The present reply is meant to supplement Applicants' previous response filed on September 12, 2003.

Claims 11 and 20 are requested to be cancelled. Claims 10, 15, and 19 are currently being amended. Thus, claims 10 and 12 – 19 will be pending upon entry of the foregoing amendments. The amendments to claims 10 and 19 thus incorporate the subject matter of claims 11 and 20, respectively. Claim 15 is amended to clarify that the recited method includes the administration of a glucuronide conjugate of an inflammation-inhibiting active material.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments further eliminate or otherwise reduce the number of issues presented in the June 12th Office Action. While Applicants believe that the claims as they stood following the previous response define subject matter that is allowable over the prior art, Applicants are interested in accelerating the allowance of a patent on this application as much as possible, by simplifying the issues. Accordingly, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if he feels that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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